



Riverview kids watch their weather balloons head skyward.

...more on weather balloons and radiosondes

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Each balloon had a note attached saying, "Hello! My name is I am in room #.... at Riverview School, Rt. 1, Marietta. Please write to me if you find this balloon." Within two days the students were receiving replies from people in Lancaster and Bird-in-Hand.

Grown-up weather scientists regularly use balloons

to study the atmosphere. Theirs tend to be sophisticated, with radio telemetry devices and homing signals attached to the gas-filled orbs, rather than notes on paper. Balloons are used to measure atmospheric conditions and track air movements. The Riverview class, for example, found that the balloons drifted east along with the wind that day.

A balloon carrying radio-reporting equipment is called a "radiosonde." In 1955 a radiosonde reached a height of 23 miles before it burst (Balloons burst because the low pressure at high altitude lets the balloon expand to the breaking point).

Non-radio equipped balloons, like those of the Riverview students, are called "pilot" balloons.

Forest Fire Crews train

The Elizabethtown—Mount Joy Forest Fire Crew and the Wrightsville Forest Fire Crew conducted a combined training session this past weekend. The training session was held at

the Greentree Station of the Elizabethtown—Mount Joy crew.

Training consisted of films covering fire weather and tools and equipment used in establishing a fire

line; lectures on safety, use of hand tools, and fire characteristics; and a demonstration of proper and improper procedures used in responding to and fighting a wildfire.

Parents without Partners

Maytown Parents and Teachers in Partnership will hold a meetin on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m., in the Maytown

cafeteria.

The main topic that will be discussed is the Spring Festival. Babysitting will be provided by volunteer mothers. Have your child

bring a favorite toy with him.

Come and give us your ideas.

Maytown Ambulance message

To the Residents of East Donegal Township:

The Maytown Ambulance Association has recently completed our 1977 fund drive. For those we missed we are sorry.

In order to join our association, please fill out

the form below and mail it to Maytown Ambulance Association, Maytown, PA 17550, c/o Larry Warfel.

Our dues are \$5.00 for family or \$3.00 for individuals.

Deadline for joining is May 1, 1977.

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